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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Sayre Stevens
Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : DoD Support to CIA/State Analytical
Project

1. We request that you tell the Secretary of Defense about the continuing analytical support that CIA has provided to the State Department in Middle East peace negotiations and ask for the temporary services of several Air Force and Army officers with operations or planning experience.

2. The Agency has been working closely with State on peace proposals since 1973. Even before the October War, we were involved in an extensive program of analysis on the military, political, economic, and geographic issues in a peace settlement. Our early involvement resulted in a major role in defining the issues involved in the Sinai and Golan agreements of 1974 and in refining the specific proposals generated by the State Department. Some of this analytical support has been done by the Agency under the auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for the Middle East and some of it has been in conjunction with State/INR and the Near East Bureau.

3.

This idea can be found in the report of the Brookings Institution Middle East Study Group issues in December, 1975 and Dr. Brzezinski was a member of that group. Secretary Vance returned from his trip to the area in February expressing hope

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for this idea. As a result of these events, Hal Saunders in INR and [REDACTED] in NEA turned to us for a quick outline of how such a concept could be implemented. We provided them a concept paper and it was discussed with Secretary Vance. The Secretary wants to press on and develop detailed negotiating arguments for and against this concept and this brings us to our request for the assistance of some experienced Army and Air Force officers to help us develop and refine the paper.

4. We recommend that you ask the Secretary of Defense to detail several (perhaps 2-4) Air Force and Army officers with planning and operational experience to the CIA to assist us in refining the paper, develop the arguments, and to explore alternative ways to implement the concept. Hal Saunders asked CIA to undertake this task and agreed that we could seek assistance from outside the Agency only on the condition that we retain control. The Department is quite concerned about the effect of leaks upon the negotiations.

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Sayre Stevens

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Director of Central Intelligence

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